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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. A copy of the U.S. patent document is not enclosed, pursuant to the revised rules dated September 21, 2004.

U.S. Patent 5,715,498

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These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated November 16, 2004, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure

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